



April 2006 Issue

Dear District 10 Residents and Friends,

Spring has finally arrived! It's hard to believe though, with all the rain District 10's been seeing lately (according to local news reports it rained nearly 25 out of the 31 days in March). While you might think we didn't see enough sun in March, I'm pleased to say that sunshine was very much on the minds of myself and my colleagues over the past few weeks. Those of you who have been following recent events in City Hall know that I'm referring to the Sunshine Reforms, a proposal I co-authored with Vice-Mayor Cindy Chavez and fellow council-members Linda LeZotte & Judy Chirco.

From the time I came into office last year, I have always stated that one of my goals while in office would be to encourage government transparency and accountability. I truly feel that the Sunshine Reforms are a strong step towards the continued realization and achievement of this goal. The proposal that went before the City Council on the March 21st evening session is a series of specific and practical reforms that provide clear lines of delineation, connect residents to their government, and begin the process of rebuilding trust in San Jose's government. These reforms aim to provide information to the public sooner, require transparent and open decision making, and greater opportunities for public engagement. I firmly believe that the steps proposed within these reforms are crucial to our future success as a progressive city in the heart of the Silicon Valley.

My City Council colleagues and I took a number of steps to ensure that the process of drafting these reforms would be open to public input and scrutiny. Vice-Mayor Chavez held a meeting in which a cross-section of key community members from each of the Districts, many representing our City's integral homeowner and neighborhood associations, were invited to review and discuss the reforms. Following this meeting a revised proposal was released nearly 2 weeks prior to its evaluation at the City Council meeting on the 21st. Our goal with this early release was to allow community members to give valuable feedback to us regarding the reforms. The reforms were refined and strengthened with the insightful feedback we received from community members. As a result the proposal which the City Council voted to move forward includes extended time for the public to review expenditures over \$1 million, provides city wide budget hearings for greater public input and alternative recommendations from staff.

Following the meeting on the 21st, the Council voted to direct City staff to develop a work plan for implementing the Sunshine Reforms and report back to the Council as soon as possible. While this is only the first step towards a new way of doing business at City Hall, I'm committed to the road we've started down and I'm excited about the opportunities it will provide for active residents like yourselves to get more involved in our City government.

Best wishes,

Nancy Pyle

Councilmember, District Ten



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Nancy stands in the City Hall Rotunda with Mrs. Lee's 2nd grade class from Del Roble Elementary School in District 10.

San Jose Announcements & Highlights

- **Councilmember Pyle is working hard** to strengthen ties between the District 10 office and District 10's education community. Recently Councilmember Pyle met with **Leslie Reynolds**, the San Jose Unified School District Board Trustee for the Almaden Valley (Area 5). Please take a moment to visit Leslie Reynolds' informative SJUSD website at <http://blmtr.com/lesliereynolds/>.
- **Councilmember Pyle is pleased to announce** that she has appointed Ms. **Pardis Khosravi** as the District 10 representative to the **San Jose Youth Commission**. To learn more about Pardis and the Youth Commission, visit the District 10 website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10/>.
- **Almaden resident Brittany Welby** is being honored with a commendation from the City of San Jose for her perseverance and courage in her ongoing efforts to facilitate public awareness and prevention of pedicure infections due to improper sanitizing and disinfecting of local foot spas.



District 10 Youth Commissioner Pardis Khosravi is sworn in by City Clerk Lee Price at an evening council meeting as Councilmember Pyle, Mayor Gonzales, Pioneer high school principal Sandy Engel and Mr. & Mrs. Khosravi look on.

Upcoming District 10 Events (April/May)

District 10's May Budget Forum

**Saturday, May 6th at
11 a.m. @ the
Almaden Winery
Community Center
(5730 Chambertin Dr.)**



Come join Councilmember Pyle and special guests from the City of San Jose as they outline the proposed budget and provide an opportunity for feedback on what areas of the budget are important to residents of District 10.

More details coming soon on the District 10 website!

KEY DATES IN THE 2006-2007 BUDGET CYCLE

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| • City Manager's Proposed Budget Released – May 1 '06 | • City Council Review of Mayor's June Budget Message – June 12 & 20, '06 |
| • City Council Budget Study Sessions – May 8 – 19, '06 | • Budget Adoption – June 27, '06 |
| • Public Budget Hearings – May 16, '06 & June 12, '06 | |

GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP!

Saturday, April 8, 2006

Clean-up: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. • Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**District 10 Location: Almaden Library & Community Center
6445 Camden Ave. off Almaden Exp.
Meet in front of the center**

May is National Senior Month!

Help us Honor Seniors in D-10

We're inviting the residents of District 10 to share their stories and photos of extra special seniors in our community! During the month of May the District 10 website will highlight these esteemed members of our community. Please send your stories and photos to district10@sanjoseca.gov
Honor your seniors today!

D10 Recipe of the Month

Praline Easter Cookies

Ingredients

- ½ cup butter
- 1 ½ cups packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F
2. Cream butter, sugar, and egg. Stir in flour, vanilla, and pecans. Mix well by hand.
3. Shape into balls about the size of walnuts, place on cookies sheets and flatten to about 1/8 inch.
4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely.

Volunteer with other concerned citizens to pick up litter in your community at the Great American Litter Pick Up in San José. To participate in this year's Litter Pick Up, call (408) 535-3500 to sign up for one of the meeting locations listed. On the day of the event, register at your meeting location and receive litter clean-up supplies. Following the event, join us for a Celebration Lunch at the Center for Employment Training. Lunch is free for volunteers.

National Kidney Foundation 2006 SuperStride for Life

Saturday, April 22, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at St. James Park, St. James and 2nd Street in Downtown San José. For more information, visit http://www.kidneyca.org/WhatsNew_EventDetail.asp?ID=43.

Earth Day 2006

On April 22 from 12:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., San Jose Beautiful is coordinating an Earth Day celebration in Plaza de Cesar Chavez in downtown San José. This year's event will include a free jazz concert coordinated by radio station KKSJ 103.7 Smooth Jazz from San Francisco. The featured artist is Nils Lofgren. In addition, there will be food, drinks and environmental resource booths. For more information, contact San José Beautiful at 408.723.1574.

18th Annual San José Children's Fair

Saturday, April 29, 2006, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Discovery Meadows, San Carlos and Woz Way in Downtown San José. For more information, visit www.moyc-sj.org.

Neighborhood Center

STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

The Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Action Committee in partnership with the Almaden Hills United Methodist Church will be hosting a Community Health Fair for the residents of the Hoffman/Via Monte Strong Neighborhood. The event will bring a variety of health-related organizations to the community, organizations such as **FIRST 5 Santa Clara County**, the **Tooth Mobile**, the **American Diabetes Association**, the **American Lung Association**, and the **Health Trust**. Mayor Ron Gonzales and Councilmember Nancy Pyle will be in attendance, along with Harry Mavrogenes, Director of the Redevelopment Agency.

SAN JOSE FAMILY CAMP – What a bargain!

Registration is now open. Located just outside Yosemite National Park, San José Family Camp awaits your arrival to another great camping season, June 16 through August 13. Prices are per person/ per night and include three meals per day, lodging and activities. For more information and to download a registration form, visit the Family Camp website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/familycamp.asp>.

UPCOMING AWARDS AND GRANTS

- **San José Beautiful - Neighborhood Improvement Award** applications are due Friday, May 26, 2006. Recognize an individual or volunteer group whose work you admire and feel is worthy of recognition. Visit www.sjbeautiful.org for more information and to download an application.



A Sneak Peek into the brand new Almaden Community Center & Library. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday May 13th beginning at 11:00 am.

Tours of City Hall

You can still tour the new City Hall facility Monday – Friday with a self guided tour or a docent led tour on Tuesdays at noon. **Come and visit – we'd love to see you! Call 277-4000 for more information.**

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- **Community Foundation of Silicon Valley Elizabeth Anabo BRICC Award** - Nominations are due April 10, 2006 for the 2006 Elizabeth Anabo Building Resourceful Inspirational Creative Community (BRICC) Awards. The award and a \$1,000 grant are given to one or two neighborhood groups that have made outstanding contributions to their community in Santa Clara County. The awards commemorate the late Elizabeth Anabo, a Senior Program Officer at Community Foundation Silicon Valley, who worked with neighborhoods throughout the region before her death in October 2000. Nomination forms and instructions are available at http://www.cfsv.org/grants_neighborhood.html#2.

SAN JOSE CITY ELECTIONS 2006

The City will conduct a **primary election** on June 6, 2006 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Councilmembers from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. If no candidate for office receives a majority vote in June, a run-off election will be held on November 7, 2006. Visit the [City Clerk's Website](#) to learn more or call (408) 535-1260.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

San José City Hall has hundreds of visitors each day. We are looking for dedicated volunteer residents that can make a commitment to give tours of City Hall. Training will be provided, and you will be able to sign up for dates and times that fit your schedule. Tours take about 1 – 1½ hours and groups sizes are limited to 15. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tour guide, please email the Customer Service Call Center at customerservice@sanjoseca.gov or call 408.535.3500.

Easter Facts & Trivia

- ❖ **700 million peeps** will be produced this Easter, out of this number Americans will purchase approximately 600 million. The most popular peeps are chicks and bunnies which come in pink, lavender, blue, white and yellow - the yellow chick being the most popular.
- ❖ **More than 1 billion Easter eggs** are hunted in the United States each year.
- ❖ **Americans spend 2 billion dollars** on Easter candy each year. Over 60 million chocolate rabbits are sold each Easter and 75% of people eat the rabbit's ears first, 15% eat the feet first, and 10% eat the tail first.

And now for this month's trivia question:

In April, 1877, what event made White House history?

- Answers to this and more can be found on the D10 website -

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at **200 East Santa Clara Street**. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Apr. 5, 2006: 9:45 AM-11:00 AM
Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting
 Almaden Winery Community Center; 5370 Chambertin Drive

Monday, Apr. 10, 2006: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting
 Almaden Winery Community Center; 5370 Chambertin Drive

Wednesday, Apr. 12, 2006: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
 Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, Apr. 12, 2006: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM
Montego Homeowners Association Annual Meeting
 Castillero Middle School; 6384 Leyland Park Dr.

Thursday, Apr. 13, 2006: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA) Monthly Meeting
 Southside Community Center; 5585 Cottle Road

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2006: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM
Montevideo Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting
 Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2006: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Action Council (NAC) Monthly Meeting
 Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Tuesday, Apr. 25, 2006: 7:30 PM
VEP General Meeting
 Gunderson High School; 622 Gaundabert Lane

Answer for last month's trivia question

Q: Was Saint Patrick Irish?

A: **No.** Patrick was born in Britain. His father was a wealthy alderman and a Christian. When Patrick was 16 years old, pirates captured him during a raid and sold him as a slave in Ireland. He served as a shepherd of an Irish Chieftain in Ulster. During his captivity, he dedicated himself to religion. After 6 years of slavery he escaped and returned home to Britain. As a result of his experience in Ireland, Patrick became driven by the idea of converting the Irish to Christianity. The rest is history.

